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SUBJ: BULGARIAN POLITBURO HEARS REPORT ON DOLANC VISIT

REF: SOFIA 194 AND PREVIOUS

1. BCP POLITBURO AND CC SECRETARIES MET APRIL 24 TO HEAR INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAV- BULGARIAN RELATIONS IN WAKE OF FEBRUARY VISIT OF STANE DOLANC (REFTEL). GIVER OF INFORMATION NOT NAMED.

2. STATEMENT SAYS THAT POLITBURO EVALUATED VISIT AS " OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPRESS OPINIONS" ON BULGARIAN- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND BROAD RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. MEETING UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED ZHIVKOV' S POSITION AT TALKS. RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS SAID OFFER " GOOD BASIS AND CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS" FOR FUTURE PARTY- STATE RELATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. COMMENT: ZHIVKOV ROLE IN APRIL 24 MEETING NOT CLEAR, BUT ELAPSE OF TWO MONTHS AFTER END DOLANC VISIT PRESUMABLY DUE ZHIVKOV' S ILLNESS (NOT BCP
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DIFFERENCES OVER POLICY TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA). PHRASE
ON " EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITHOUT USUAL SOP TO COMRADELY
ATMOSPHERE SEEMS TO BEAR OUT VIEW THAT DOLANC MADE
LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS ON MACEDONIAN ISSUE, A YUGOSLAV
PREREQUISITE TO CHIEF OF STATE VISIT DESIRED BY
ZHIVKOV.
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